

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A linear block copolymer composition, comprising from 55 to 95 mass% of a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon and from 5 to 45 mass% of a conjugated diene as monomer units;

wherein:

the linear block copolymer composition is a mixture of ~~a~~-linear block ~~copolymer~~ ~~copolymers~~ having at least three types of polymer blocks with different molecular weights; ~~each comprising a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon as monomer units and represented by the~~ following formula:

S-B-S

where S is a polymer block comprising a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon as monomer units, and B is a polymer block consisting of conjugated diene monomer units; ~~and further,~~

~~(1) the~~ ~~a~~ molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) of a mixture of the polymer blocks ~~each comprising a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon as monomer units~~, is within a range of from 3.35 to 6, ~~and~~;

~~(2) in a gel permeation chromatogram of a~~ ~~the~~ mixture of the polymer blocks ~~each comprising a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon as monomer units~~, ~~M1/M2~~ is within a range of from 12.5 to 25, where M1 is ~~the~~ ~~a~~ largest peak top molecular weight ~~among peak top molecular weights~~ corresponding to a peak at which the peak top molecular weight becomes maximum ~~among~~ ~~corresponding to~~ peaks forming a proportion of the area of at least 30% to the ~~of a~~ whole peak area, and M2 is ~~the~~ ~~a~~ smallest peak top molecular weight ~~among peak top molecular weights~~ corresponding to a peak at which the peak top molecular weight becomes minimum ~~among~~ ~~peaks at which the peak top molecular weight is at most of~~ 50,000 ~~or less~~

~~and which form a proportion of the area of corresponding to peaks forming at least 20% to of~~  
the whole peak area; and

in a gel permeation chromatogram of the linear block copolymer composition, M3/M4  
is within a range of from 2.5 to 4.5, where M3 is a largest peak top molecular weight among  
peak top molecular weights corresponding to peaks forming at least 30% of a whole peak  
area, and M4 is a smallest peak top molecular weight among peak top molecular weights  
corresponding to peaks forming at least 15% of the whole peak area.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): The linear block copolymer composition according to

Claim 1, wherein:

in a gel permeation chromatogram of a mixture of the polymer blocks-each  
~~comprising a vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon as monomer units, the a proportion of the a number~~  
of moles of S1 to ~~the a sum of the the number of moles of S1 and a number numbers~~ of moles  
of S1 and S2 is within a range of from 5 to 25 mol%, ~~where;~~

S1 is a component corresponding to the largest peak top molecular weight among  
peak top molecular weights corresponding to a peak at which the peak top molecular weight  
~~becomes maximum among peaks forming a proportion of the area of at least 30% to of the~~  
whole peak area; and

S2 is a component corresponding to the smallest peak top molecular weight among  
peak top molecular weights corresponding to a peak at which the peak top molecular weight  
~~becomes minimum among peaks at which the peak top molecular weight is at most of 50,000~~  
~~or less and which form a proportion of the area of corresponding to peaks forming at least~~  
20% ~~to of~~ the whole peak area.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The linear block copolymer composition according to Claim 1 or 2, wherein ~~the peak top molecular weight~~ M2 is within a range of from 4,500 to 20,000.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The linear block copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein ~~the peak top molecular weight~~ M1 is within a range of from 90,000 to 200,000.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The linear block copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein, in a gel permeation chromatogram of the linear block copolymer composition, ~~the a~~ molecular weight distribution (Mw/Mn) of a component corresponding to a largest peak top molecular weight among peak top molecular weights ~~a peak at which the peak top molecular weight becomes maximum among corresponding to peaks forming a proportion of the area of at least 30% to of~~ the whole peak area, is less than 1.03.

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The linear block copolymer composition according to Claim 1, wherein, in a gel permeation chromatogram of the linear block copolymer composition, ~~the a~~ peak top molecular weight of a component corresponding to a peak which provides the maximum having a largest peak area is within a range of from 120,000 to 250,000.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): A composition, comprising:  
the linear block copolymer composition according to Claim 1, and

a thermoplastic resin other than the linear block copolymer composition.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The composition according to Claim 8, wherein ~~the a~~ mass ratio of the linear block copolymer ~~composition/the composition to the~~ thermoplastic resin is from 30/70 to 70/30.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The composition according to Claim 8, wherein the thermoplastic resin is a polystyrene polymer.

Claim 11 (New): The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the vinyl aromatic hydrocarbon monomer unit is styrene, and the conjugated diene monomer unit is butadiene.